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USEEC

USOECD

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: GATT, ETRD, EEWT, CSCE, CZ

SUBJECT: GATT POLICIES TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE

REFS A. EC BRUSSELS 5079, B. GENEVA 3690, C. 76 GENEVA 3383(NOTAL)

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1. EMBASSY FINDS REF B VERY ILLUMINATING AND HIGHLY USEFUL
IN OUR ON-GOING EFFORTS TO SQUEEZE INFORMATION ON TRADE
POLICY AND RELATED TOPICS OUT OF GOC. E/C COUNSELOR RECENTLY
REPEATED TO MFA AND MFT OFFICIALS OUR LONG-STANDING REQUEST
TO DISCUSS GOC TRADE POLICY AND ATTITUDES TOWARD GATT WITH
KNOWLEDGEABLE GOC OFFICIALS. REF B WILL BE HIGHLY TIMELY

AND HELPFUL TO US IN THE EVENT SUCH DISCUSSIONS ARE EVENTUALLY HELD. OUR INTENT IS TO HOLD A NONPOLEMIC DISCUSSION AIMED AT FACT-FINDING RATHER THAN A DEBATING MATCH, AND WE WOULD WELCOME ANY GUIDANCE OR SUGGESTED TOPICS DEPT. WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH A MEETING.

2. WHILE EMBASSY CONCEDES THAT WE ARE NOT WELL INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THIS TOPIC, WE TEND TO AGREE WITH USEC'S POINT (REF A) THAT USG SHOULD NOT SIDE WITH EAST EUROPEANS IN ATTACKING EC QUOTAS ON IMPORTS FROM EE. WE RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF EC TRADE BARRIERS BUT DOUBT THAT THE QR'S IN QUESTION ARE WORTH JEOPARDIZING OUR UNITY AGAINST THE EAST EUROPEANS. WE BELIEVE WESTERN CP'S SHOULD STRIVE FOR COMMON FRONT TO PRESSURE EE MEMBERS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR GATT COMMITMENTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS EMBASSY MIGHT RAISE WITH GOC OFFICIALS RE GATT. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER "FURTHER EXAMINATION" OF FINLAND-CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE AGREEMENT MENTIONED IN REF C AS DUE TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN 15 MONTHS OF MAY, 1976, IS STILL TO BE HELD.
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